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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: **Average Cost for Nursing Facility Services**

Introduction

In accordance with 130 CMR 520.019(G)(1), MassHealth must impose a period of ineligibility for payment of nursing facility services when it has determined that a MassHealth applicant or member has made a disqualifying transfer of resources.

When calculating the period of ineligibility, MassHealth uses the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth. Periodically, this figure is revised to reflect increased costs.

Revised Average Cost for Nursing

Effective February 1, 2006, the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth **increased** from \$232 a day to **\$246** a day. The **date** MassHealth **receives** the application or eligibility review form determines which of the following amounts to use when calculating the period of ineligibility for a disqualifying transfer of resources.

- If received before February 1, 2006: use \$232.
- If received on or after February 1, 2006: use \$246.

Questions

Please direct questions about information in this memo to the MassHealth Policy Hotline through your MEC designee.
